



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** Skull Creek Station Generator Building

**PROJECT LOCATION** Skull Creek Forest Fire Station T5N R16E Section 33 MDBM

**COUNTY** Tuolumne

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The CAL FIRE Skull Creek forest fire station is situated in a remote location, on industrial timberland owned by Sierra Pacific Industries. Timber stands around the station are typical Sierra Mixed Conifer. The fire station is located near the confluence of Skull Creek and Griswold Creek, at approximately 4,400 feet in elevation. The project will consist of constructing a shed to house a generator. The dimensions of the shed are approximately 16 feet by 23 feet. A cement foundation will be constructed, and the walls of the building will consist of cement blocks. The roof will be metal, and will be equipped with solar panels. No trees are within the footprint of the construction. The building will be constructed on an existing bench, next to an existing out building, and a minimal amount of grading will be required.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of 15304- Minor Alterations to Land. The project consists of constructing a small out building, approximately 16 feet by 23 feet in size at an existing fire station. A query of the CNDDDB did not reveal the presence of any sensitive species within the project area. The Department of Fish and Wildlife was consulted regarding the project, and did not recommend any additional mitigation measures. The project is not located near any watercourses. The Regional Water Quality Control Board was consulted, and did not recommend any additional mitigation measures. A CAL FIRE Archaeologist conducted a site visit and survey and did not recommend any additional mitigation measures. The project is minor in scope and is not likely to result in any significant adverse impacts.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the Tuolumne/Calaveras Unit Headquarters in San Andreas.

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